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Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, July 27, 1991  
Board Room, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. The invocation was given by Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham.

PRESENT

Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Chairman  
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Mack Abraham  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mr. Curley M. Dossman  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton  
Mrs. Nina Hebert-Marchand  
Dr. James Meza, Jr.  
Mr. Roscoe J. Moore  
Dr. Jenny D. Phillips  
Mr. Alaric Richard  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie  
Rev. Joe R. Gant  
Mr. John J. Graham

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

President Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board  
Vice-President Tolor E. White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Robert Smith, and Marvin Yates  
Vice-Chancellors M. Bartley, C. Cunningham, S. Gilliam, W. Moore, J. Hoffman, and J. Robinson  
Messrs. T. Butler, C. Lewis, and L. McGhee

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Richard, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Add Items 7f. SUBR: Forms 183 - 195A  
7g. SUNO: Forms 196 - 198

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- 7h. SUSBO: Forms 199 and 200
- 7i. SUBR: Form 201
- 7j. SUSBO: Forms 202 and 203
- 13a. Report from attorney on Johnny Young Case and others
- 13b. Sewer User Fee Settlement
- 13c. Higher Education Desegregation Suit

**AGENDA ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14, 1991 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Moore, the minutes of June 14, 1991 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the appointment of Dr. Gloria Braxton as the Director of the Center for International Programs, S.U. System.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the following personnel actions on the Baton Rouge campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

**- Appointments:**

- Juanita Robinson - Executive Vice Chancellor
- Joyce Baucom - Assistant to the Chancellor
- Frank Ransburg - Assistant to the Chancellor
- Allen Moye' - Interim Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Press Robinson - Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Richard Webb - Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Paul Hester - Chair, Curriculum and Instruction
- Beverly Wade - Director, Honors College

- Reassignment of Dr. Wilbur Clarke as Dean, Graduate School



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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the proposal for a Ph. D. Program in Science/Mathematics Education at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board approved the report of its Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Curley M. Dossman.

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board received the notice of the sudden resignation of SUNO's Athletic Director. The Board also accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the appointment of Mr. Earl Hill as Acting Athletic Director and Acting Head Coach of Men's Basketball at SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the contract for the 1991 football classics, with guarantees.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized the University, with assistance of legal counsel, to void or cancel the contract for the Lone Star Football Classic (Southern University and Tennessee State University) in Dallas, Texas and to reschedule the game for Baton Rouge, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board approved the report of its Athletic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Mack Abraham.

On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved a right-of-entry to the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, for survey and exploration.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the 1992-93 Capital Outlay priorities for the S.U. System.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the five-year Capital Outlay Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of its Facilities, Property and Grounds Committee.

Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the faculty salary distribution proposed by the President as a 3% or 4%



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across-the-board raise to faculty involved in instruction or research at least 50% of the time, with the remainder to be used to meet the Board of Regents' mandated adjustment in terms of moving toward the SREB salary levels.

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A motion was offered by Mr. Sensley and seconded by Dr. Phillips, for Board approval of a proposal that would allow the President and the SUBR Chancellor to jointly decide how the President's Home would be utilized without either occupying the home.

The motion failed. Roll Call Vote: 9 yeas, 5 yeas.

Following a general discussion, occupancy of the President's Home was tabled.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved a \$1,000 monthly housing allowance for the Chancellor of the SUBR campus.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays.

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On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted the informational report on the proposed distribution of the 1991-92 operating funds, by function and percentage-wise.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved tuition discounts for the 1991 summer session for SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richard, for Board approval of the lease/purchase agreement for the computer mainframe at SUBR.

The motion was withdrawn.

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A substitute motion was made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, that a benchmark be established for a computer mainframe and its use before the lease/purchase agreement is approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized SUNO to enter into a renewable lease agreement with A-MID for space and related services.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Richard, the Board approved the report of its Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Governance Committee

The Committee's report was presented by Dr. Jenny D. Phillips.

On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Dr. Meza, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized the Committee Chairman to incorporate suggested changes in the draft copy of the Systemwide Grievance Procedures and to send a draft copy to Committee members for comments, prior to the August Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized research and draft preparation of other policy and procedures documents by the Committee Chairman. Proposals shall be forwarded to the Committee for comments prior to the meeting where the documents are to be presented.

Motion carried unanimously.



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McDonnell - Douglas Corporation. The success of this venture would provide approximately 10,000 new jobs in Shreveport.

Chancellor Smith also reported on the RIF plan approved by the Board and the upcoming meeting with legal counsel with respect to implementing the plan.

Chancellor Smith indicated that the shortfall in the 1991-92 budget will not be as severe as was anticipated thanks to the efforts of legislators to restore some of the funds proposed for reduction.

Finally, the lease for the Aerospace Technology Center is expected to be signed during the next week.

SUBR - Chancellor Yates reported on the success of the summer session; continuing evaluation of the progress being made by the financial aid office with respect to the 1991 fall registration; elimination of all interim and acting administrative positions by the end of the current year, the development of a 10-12 point plan for 1991-92 fiscal year reflecting the Board's established priorities as well as priorities and recommendations included in the self-study.

A discussion followed regarding to the selection procedure to be used in filling administrative positions. Subsequently, the President and legal counsel were asked to review the policy and make a report on the Board's compliance with regards to the policy.

Mrs. Marchand asked to be given copies of future position vacancy announcements.

SULC - Chancellor Agnihotri reported on the publication of a book by one of the Law Center's faculty. He also reported on funding for the Law Center for 1991-92, and the enhancement of academic programs through changes in course offerings.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Stone, the Board recognized the accomplishments of Cary G. deBessonet, faculty member at the Law Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Atty. Cunningham requested an organizational chart reflecting the names and salaries of University administrators. In response, Atty. Cunningham was advised that salary data on all university personnel had been provided to Board members on the previous day. He was asked to advise the Administration if additional information is needed.

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**AGENDA ITEM 11: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board convened into an executive session to hear reports on the following personnel and legal matters:

- Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, SUNO
- Johnny Young and other personnel litigation
- Sewer user fee settlement
- Higher Education desegregation suit

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays.

**- RECONVENTION-**

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays.

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On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. Phillips, the Board authorized the System President, Board counsel and Mr. Clarence Cunningham be allowed to accept the sewer user fee litigation and the B.R. City/Parish expropriation suit settlement proposal, as worked out with the City/Parish government.

The motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board authorized the University to enter into an agreement with the Board's desegregation counsel, to set aside funds for payment of legal fees within the limits to be set by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board also authorized the establishment of a committee to work on this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

The members appointed to this Committee are:

Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
President Dolores Spikes  
Atty. Winston DeCuir



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**AGENDA ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Note: A taped recording was inadvertently erased on Items  
1 - 5 and a portion of Item 6d.